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*Succisa*, or Devils bit, is excellent for Poysons, especially the Plague; and it is observable, that it is so powerful a Sudorifick, that laying the sick Person whether of the Plague or other malignant Fever, on a Bed of that herb, moderately hot, he shall sweat till they take him off, and much more if he drinks of the decoction or juice of the herb, which in Summer they take all, and in Winter of the root only.

He says, That for the Dropsy after all other things, one of the best Remedies in the World, is to take *Morsus Diaboli* and put it over the fire in a dry Kettle, that it may wet it only with its own juice, and of this to apply a quantity to the Belly and Reins of the Patient, covering him up warm, and so provoke sweat; which will come away in great quantity, and may be maintained according to the strength of the Patient, and Exigency of the Case.

## VII. An Account of BOOKS, *Viz.*

*An Account of several late Voyages and Discoveries to the South and North towards the Streights of Magellan, the South Seas, the vast Tracts of Land beyond Hollandia Nova, &c. Also towards Nova Zembla, Greenland or Spitsberg, Groynland or Engronland, &c. By Sir John Narborough, Capt. Jasmen Tasman, Capt. John Wood, and Frederick Marten of Hamburgh. To which are annexed a large Introduction and Supplement. The whole Illustrated with Charts and Figures. London: Printed for Sam. Smith and Benj. Walford, Printers to the Royal Society, at the Prince's Arms in St. Paul's Church-yard. 1694. In Octavo.*

ABOUT 14 Months ago these Booksellers published a Curious Collection of Travels into the *Levant*, and other adjacent Countries, By *Rawolf, Belon, Greaves, &c.*  
Of

Of which the *Transactions* take Notice, N<sup>o</sup>. 200. p. 768. And having received Encouragement, do here proceed with the like Design upon other Parts of the World, in order to improve and compleat Geography from Original Authentick Records, and Memoirs of Eye-Witnesses.

The present Collection reaching to the most distant Parts of the *Southern* and *Northern* Regions of the *Globe*, and being performed by Skilful *Navigators*, and Faithful *Observers*, must needs contain many uncommon and useful Things upon most of the Heads of Natural and Mathematical Sciences, as well as Trade and other Profitable Knowledge, which contribute to the enlarging of the Mind and Empire of Man, too much confin'd to the narrow *Spheres* of particular *Countries*, and therefore subject to great Mistakes, and false Conceptions, for want of a large Prospect of *Nature* and *Custom*.

The Contents of the present Work are very various, and of vast extent, but may be reduced to these *Generals*: The *Introduction*, *The Voyages of Sir John Narborough*, *Capt. Jasmen Tasman*, *Capt. John Wood*, *Frederick Marten of Hamburgh*, and the *Supplement*: Of which something in Particular.

The *Introduction* gives a Compendious Chronological Account of *Navigations* and *Voyages* to those Remote Parts, of which the Body of the Book treats, together with some new Reflections in *Geography*, *Hydrography*, and Natural History.

*Sir John Narborough* touches upon the *Madera* and *Cape Verd Islands*, delineates and describes the Coasts of *Patagonia* and *Chili*, together with the Streights of *Magellan*, of which he took most exact Draughts, going frequently on Shoar, and up into the Country, observing the Products of the Land, the Manners and Tempers of the *People*, in order to promote and settle an Advantageous *Trade*, especially in the Golden Country of *Chili*, esteemed more Rich than *Peru* itself. In this  
Voyage

Voyage Sir *John* gives many Proofs of his Excellent Skill in the Art of Navigation, as to the Distances, Longitudes, Latitudes, Tydings, Magnetical Variations, &c.

*Jansen Tasman* was employed by the *Dutch East-India Company* to make Discoveries towards the *Southern Continent* : He touches upon *Van Diemen's Land*, *Zelandia Nova*, &c. encompassing *Hollandia Nova*, and *New Guinea*, which appears to be a great Island by this his Circumnavigation. The whole course is drawn in a particular Chart, which the Booksellers having procured, intend to engrave it for the use of the Publick.

Captain *Wood* was sent by King *Charles* the Second to Discover the *North-East Passage to China and Japan*, which he examines with great Industry, but being Wrackt upon *Nova Zembla*, was discouraged from further Enquiries. However he gives an Ingenious Description of that Desolate Land, and many Instances of his Generous Designs to Improve and Illustrate the dark *Phænomena* of the *Magnet*.

*Frederick Marten* of *Hamburg*, undertook his Northern Voyage to satisfy the Commendable Curiosity of the *Royal Society*, which he has done with admirable Diligence ; giving many Specimens of the Fertility of his *Genius* in making such considerable Observations in the barren and horrid Climate of *Greenland*, as to the Weather, the Whale-Fishing, the Animals, Plants, and other parts of Natural History ; as also upon the Physical *Phænomena* of Snow, Ice, &c.

The Supplement was thought fit to be added, in order to compleat the *Northern Discoveries*, and render the Work more generally useful to those who are delighted with *Geographical Studies*. It takes in all the *North-West Discoveries*, performed by *Englishmen* and others ; which being joyn'd with those of the *North-East*, give a full Idea of that Part of the World, which is accurately drawn in an annex Map.

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